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Title: Need to expedite construction of road overbridge at Chorode at level crossing No. 215 on the Calicut-Mangalore rail line in Karnataka

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA): Sir, construction of road overbridge at Chorode in lieu of level-crossing No. 215 on the Calicut-Mangalore line was started more than a year-and-a-half ago. Though the construction work of the approach road on National Highway 17 is nearly over, very little work in respect of the bridge portion has been finished. Though the Railway contractor has signed the agreement as early as June, 2001, there was inordinate delay on the part of the Railway Engineering Wing in approving the design of the duck slab meant for the bridge portion. Moreover, certain materials that are to be supplied by the Railway authorities to the contractor have been supplied only very recently. The work is moving at a very slow pace. Under these circumstances, I request the hon. Minister for Railways to give necessary directions to the Railway authorities to expedite the construction work without any further delay.